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1. SUMMARY: US MTN DEL (MEYERS) MET WITH IRAN (AMB. SADEGH) MARCH 1 TO ENCOURAGE MORE ACTIVE IRANIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE MTN AND TO ANSWER TECHNICAL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE US OFFER.

2. IN THE ABSENCE OF THE IRANIAN MTN NEGOTIATOR, DR. B. BAYAT, US MTN DEL MET WITH HIS SUPERIOR, IRANIAN AMBASSADOR IN CHARGE OF GATT AFFAIRS, HOSSEIN SADEGH, TO IMPRESS UPON THE IRANIAN DEL THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RAPID TABLING OF REQUESTS AND OFFERS ON THEIR PART. SADEGH WAS NOT WELL INFORMED ON MTN MATTERS AND IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO ENGAGE

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IN DETAILED DISCUSSIONS OF THE US OFFER. SADEGH SAID THAT US INDICATIVE LISTS OF EXPORT INTERESTS IN AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS HAD BEEN FORWARDED PROMPTLY TO TEHRAN FOR ANALYSIS, BUT THAT AS YET GENEVA HAD RECEIVED NO RESPONSE.

3. US DEL LEFT WITH SADEGH LIST OF PRODUCTS IN US GLOBAL

TARIFF OFFER IN WHICH IRAN HAS A TRADE INTEREST SHOWING US REDUCTIONS AND 1976 IRANIAN EXPORTS TO US. US DEL PROVIDED A LIST OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS OF WHICH IRAN WAS PRINCIPAL SUPPLIER NOTING THAT REQUESTS FROM IRAN WOULD BE NEEDED ASAP IF US WAS TO CONSIDER MAKING TARIFF OFFERS ON THE PRODUCTS IN MTN: TSUS113.30, 147.42, 147.46, 192.45.

4. US DEL EXPLAINED THAT US INDUSTRIAL OFFER HAD SOME ITEMS WHICH WOULD SEEM TO BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO IRAN AND THAT WITHOUT PROMPT ACTION ON THEIR PART, IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR THE U.S. TO GIVE FULL CONSIDERATION TO IRANIAN NEEDS IN THE MTN. U.S. MTN DEL NOTED THAT WITH THE ANTICIPATED INCREASE IN IRANIAN EXPORT POTENTIAL IN THE 1980S, IT WOULD SEEM THAT IRAN WOULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT STAKE IN THE FUTURE OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADING SYSTEM. THE U.S. DEL EXPRESSED THE U.S. DESIRE TO BE RESPONSIVE TO IRANIAN NEEDS AND URGED SADEGH TO IMPART A SENSE OF URGENCY TO TRADE OFFICIALS IN TEHRAN.

5. SADEGH TOOK NOTE OF THE U.S. POINTS, AND AGREED THAT A MEETING BETWEEN BAYAT AND U.S. DEL IS ESSENTIAL AS SOON AS BAYAT IS AVAILABLE IN GENEVA IN ABOUT 10 DAYS.

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